

# U.S. Teen Pregnancy Outcomes by Age, Race and Hispanic Ethnicity



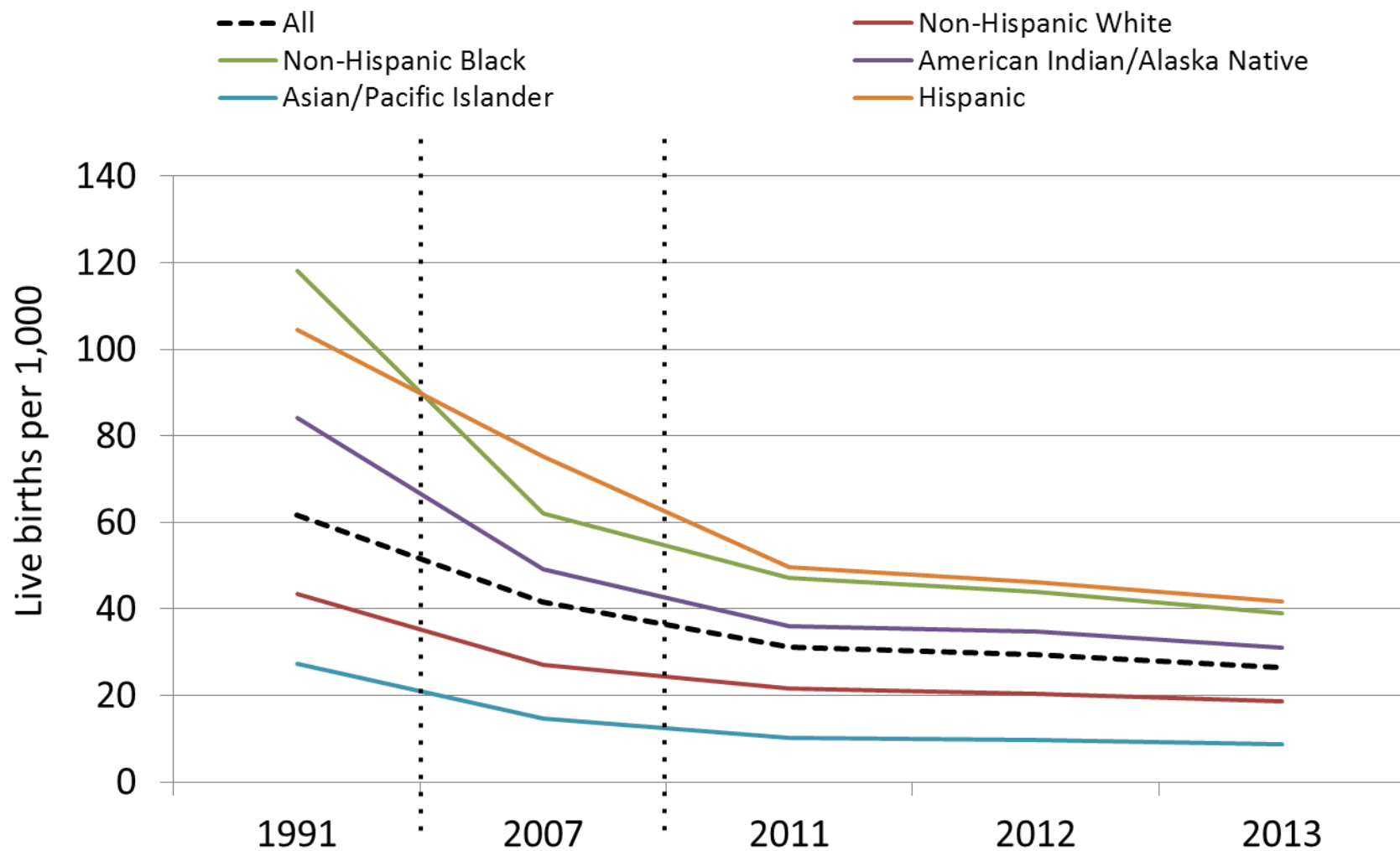
Adolescent Reproductive Health

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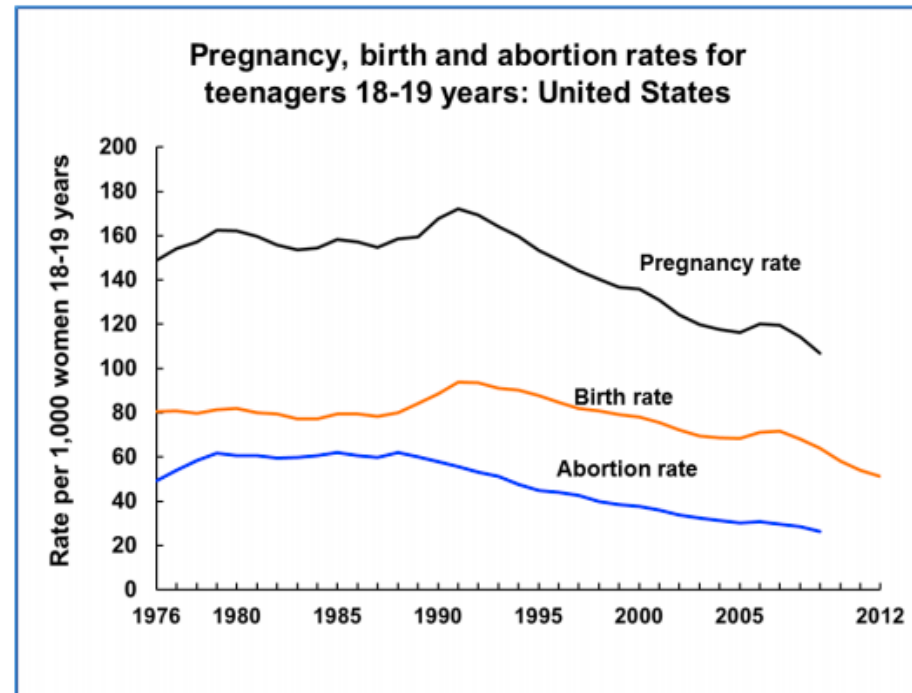
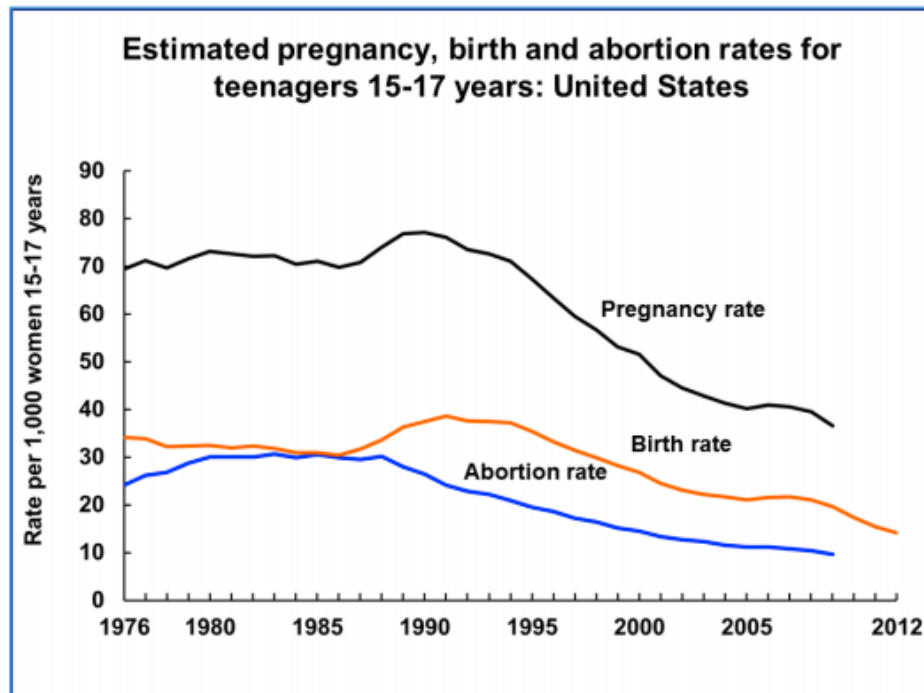
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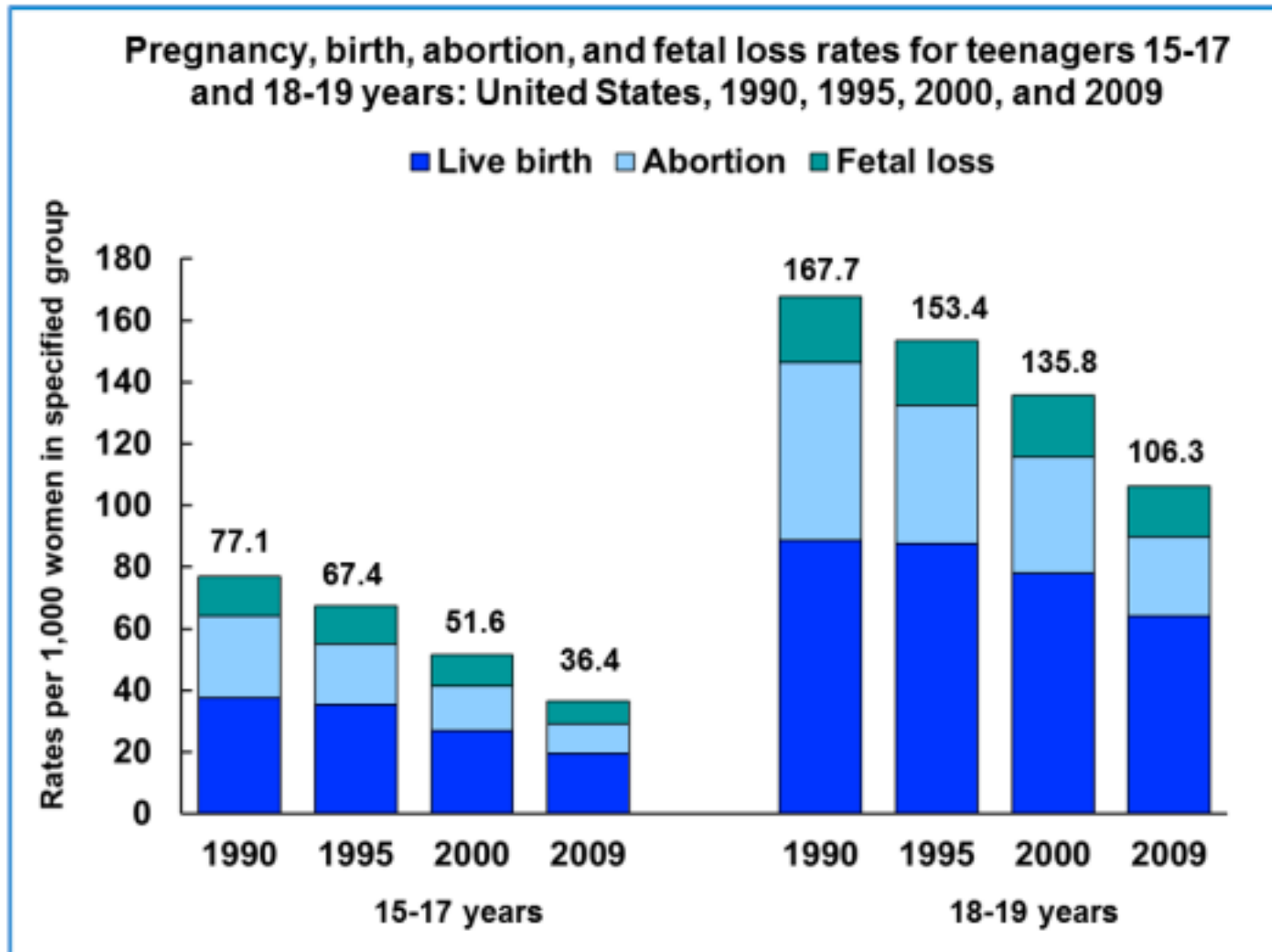
Birth Rates (Live Births) per 1,000 Females Aged 15–19 Years, by Race and Hispanic Ethnicity, Select Years<sup>1</sup>



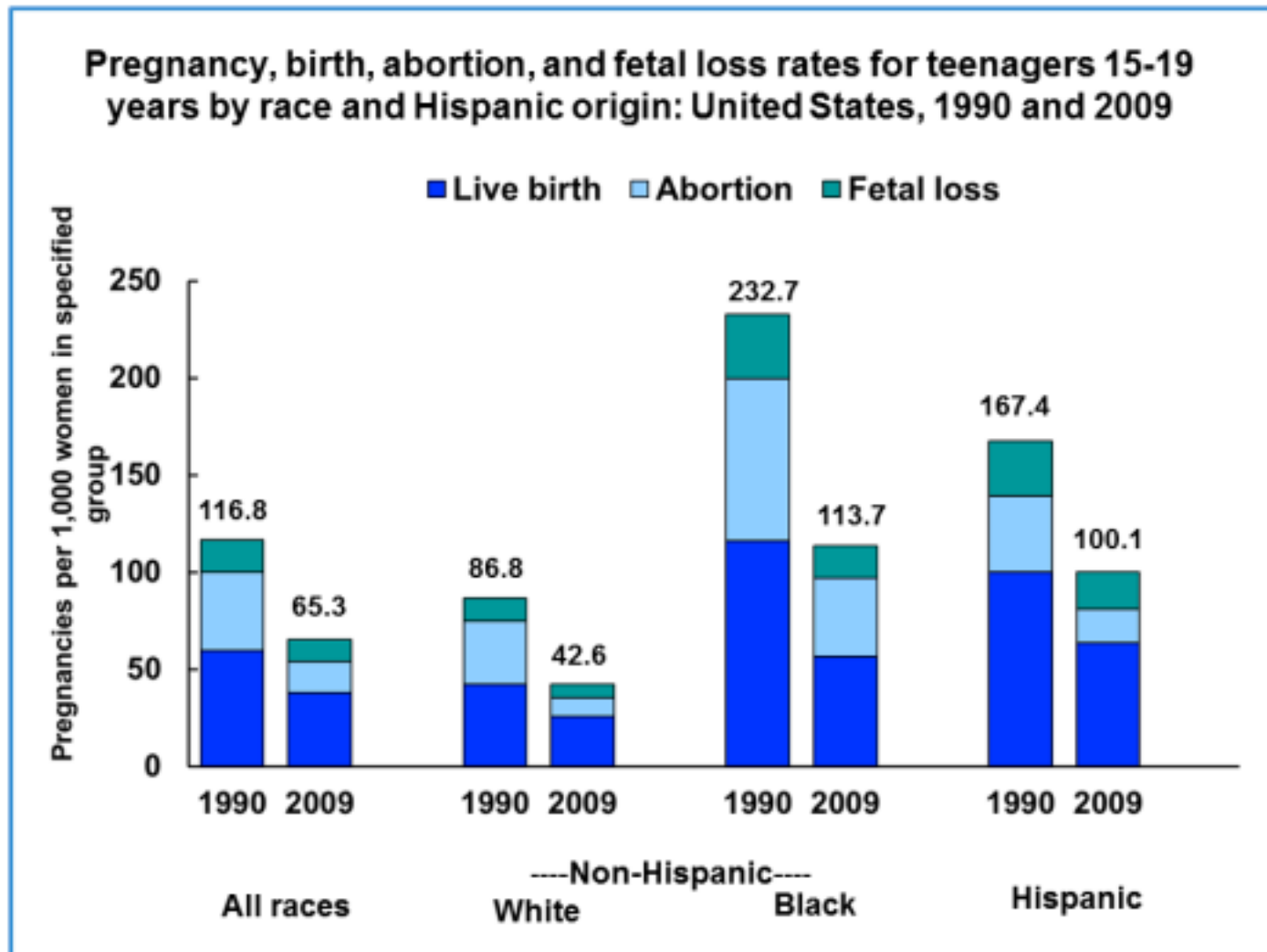
# Trends in teen pregnancy, birth and abortion rates by age<sup>2</sup>



## Teen pregnancy rates by outcome and age<sup>2</sup>



# Teen pregnancy rates by outcome and race and Hispanic ethnicity<sup>2</sup>



## Intendedness\* of births at conception among women aged 15–19 years: United States, 2002 and 2006–2010<sup>3</sup>

Year	Intended**	Unintended	Mistimed	2 years or more too soon***
2002	22%	78%	57%	46%
2006–2010	23%	77%	58%	51%

\*As reported to the National Survey of Family Growth during in-person interviews with women who had had a live birth during the five years before interview.

\*\***Intended:** pregnancy occurred at about the time the mother wanted to become pregnant. Includes births with intendedness reported as “don’t know.”

\*\*\***Mistimed, 2 years or more too soon:** pregnancy occurred too soon; pregnancy occurred 2 years or more before the mother wanted to become pregnant.

## Implications for the prevention of unintended teen pregnancy

If U.S. teenagers had only births that they intended to have (and unintended births to teens were postponed until after age 20), then the U.S. teen birth rate in 2008 would have been just 22.8% of 40.2, or **9.2** per 1,000. If this happened, teen births would drop from 11% of all births in the United States to just 4% of all births.<sup>4</sup>

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